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Consensus t C G A A A g c c [SEQ ID NO: 9]

However, it seems that said consensue nucleotide sequence TXXCGAAAXXGXCXC [SEQ ID NO: 9] is not present in other known xylanase nucleotide sequence of other bacteria such as *Bacillus* strains.

IN THE SEQUENCE LISTING:

Please replace the Sequence Listing with the accompanying Substitute Sequence Listing.

REMARKS

I. Response to Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. § 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US)

This is in response to the Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. § 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) mailed February 21, 2002. The Preliminary Amendment filed on February 14, 2001 added references to SEQ ID NOs. 7-10. However, these SEQ ID NOs should be SEQ ID NOs: 6-9. The present Preliminary Amendment provides the appropriate numbering of the SEQ ID NOs.

In addition, applicant submits herewith a Substitute Sequence Listing in paper and Computer Readable form. The Substitute Sequence Listing includes SEQ ID NOs. 6-9 which previously appeared in the specification but not in the Sequence Listing. In addition, the Substitute Sequence Listing provides the serial number of the present application, the priority claims provided in the Preliminary Amendment submitted February 14, 2001, and the names of the inventors.

I hereby state that the amendments, made in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.825(a), included in the Substitute Sequence Listing submitted herewith are supported in the application as filed, specifically on page 9, lines 1-5 and page 12, lines 25-28. I hereby state that the Substitute Sequence Listing does not include new matter.

As required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.825(b), I hereby declare that the information recorded on the enclosed disk is identical to the printed Substitute Sequence Listing submitted herewith.